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Cc: Smith, Paula[Smith.Paula@epa.gov]; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa[Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]; Peterson, Cynthia[Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov]
From: Schmittdiel, Paula
Sent: Thur 8/20/2015 10:54:50 PM
Subject: RE: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Laura – I'm not sure what we can do for you on question #2. Both questions from DOE were not very clear as to what they were really asking and so Cynthia and I attempted to frame their questions as best we understood them. If our response doesn't seem clear its because the question was not clear.

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From: Gentile, Laura **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 4:45 PM
To: Schmittdiel, Paula; Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Cc: Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Peterson, Cynthia; EOC Public Information
Subject: Re: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Thank a lot

Laura, could you please add the additional question from DOE and response from Ostrander? We need to send one file up for the official record.

Also, regarding question 2 -- can we answer the question more directly? not clear on the response.

thanks

From: Schmittdiel, Paula
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 6:29 PM
To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn; EOC Public Information
Cc: Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Peterson, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Laura – With Cynthia Peterson's assistance we have developed short and concise answers to DOE's questions as we understand them. Please let me know if you have any questions about them.

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Subject: FW: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

EOC PI:

Paula Schmittiel and Cynthia Peterson are working on a response to two of the DOE questions but won't have an answer until later today or tomorrow. I found some draft language I thought might work but, because of the way the incoming questions were worded, Paula and Cynthia want to verify a few things before finalizing a response.

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From: Schmittiel, Paula

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 3:47 PM

To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: RE: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Laura – It is going to take a little longer to respond to the questions as Cynthia Peterson and I are waiting for some additional information from DRMS. Because of the way the questions have been worded, it has required some “interpretation” of what DOE is actually asking. Hopefully, we will be able to provide you responses yet today or certainly by tomorrow.

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From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 1:56 PM

To: Schmittiel, Paula

Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: RE: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Paula:

I imagine your swamped but just wanted to be sure you saw the questions below. I've been pinged by HQ for a response and they've also asked Paula for an update.

Would you mind taking a quick look and letting me know if these need revisions?

Thanks and sorry to bug you.

Laura Jenkins

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From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2015 9:04 AM

To: Schmitt diel, Paula

Cc: Lisa McClain-Vanderpool (Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov)

Subject: RE: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Paula:

I'm working with Lisa M-V on a response to DOE.

Can you please take a look at these responses and see if any revisions are needed and/or if you have anything you'd like to add/remove from either response?

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Thanks in advance for your help!

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To: Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Cc: Smith, Roxanne; EOC Public Information
Subject: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Just confirming -- these Qs are still open. Pls send responses by COB (earlier if possible).

Thanks

Laura

From: Gentile, Laura on behalf of EOC Public Information
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:36 PM
To: Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Cc: Smith, Roxanne
Subject: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Region 8, could you work with your program folks to prepare responses to questions 1-3 below? We need the information by tomorrow.
thanks

Laura

From: Dreyfus, Melissa G. on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:03 PM
To: EOC Public Information
Subject: Re: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

My suggestion is that #1-3 are Region 8 and #4 is Forest Service.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Faulkner, Mike" <Faulkner.Mike@epa.gov>
Date: August 19, 2015 at 1:04:45 PM EDT
To: "Gentile, Laura" <Gentile.Laura@epa.gov>
Subject: **FW: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill**

FYI

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas, Lori [<mailto:Lori.Thomas@nnsa.doe.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 5:05 PM
To: Faulkner, Mike
Subject: Questions from DOE/NNSA relating to the Colorado Gold Mine Spill

Mike,
These are the questions that I was asked to pose for DOE/NNSA management following the NRT briefing today.

1. All of the contaminated water stored in the mine from past mining operations has been seeping since its closure? YES
2. All of the contaminated water stored in the mine was always intended to be released into the Animas River as a primary means of disposal or was the plan to pump all water out and dispose? (Region 8?)
3. There are several states downstream due to drought conditions that are experiencing drought that had been pulling water possibly from the San Juan,

Animas and Colorado rivers. What are the plans for those communities to get water now that restrictions for intake from those sources exist? (Region 8?)

4. Can contaminated river water be used to fight wild fires if necessary? Any risks to fire fighters?

Thanks,

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